

A LOOK BACK BEFORE SETTING SIGHTS ON 2020

Not only does this new year bring the typical murmurs of “where did the previous 12 months go,” but it also marks the start of a new decade.

There’s hopefully something special about the numbers 2020 – as in maybe they will serve to provide a clearer view of where our state and country are headed. While we are confident Indiana remains on the right track to continue its growth and prosperity, the vision for our country is a little obstructed at the moment.



The keys to clarity and ultimate success are not really secrets. Astute leadership, as always, is essential. Compromise, in the form of policy leaders working together to achieve goals for the greater good, must win out. Whether in sports, business or other endeavors, the team that works well together will stand strong at the end.

Before tackling 2020 and the times ahead, this issue of *BizVoice*® turns back the pages once again. With a loose “by the decades” framework, we present a few of the many business and industry stories that have captured our state’s attention over the years through today.

We trust you will enjoy features that include:

- A southwestern Indiana restaurant location with a 195-year history, along with other longstanding businesses and events
- The early days of Koch Enterprises, Eli Lilly and OneAmerica
- Indiana’s medical device industry dominance
- A roundtable discussion on automobiles and steel
- Madam C.J. Walker and her long-lasting influence
- Industry titans in Fort Wayne and Bloomington in the 1900s

It was a pleasure to be part of the conversation throughout 2019 with our series on Indiana Workforce Recovery and the efforts to battle the state’s opioid epidemic. We broaden the scope in 2020 with workplace wellness and the Wellness Council of Indiana taking center stage. Each issue will include stories and contributed columns on important topics, including the increased focus on mental health.

Welcome to the new decade! Let’s all do what we can to make it the very best yet. And thank you, as always, for reading *BizVoice*.

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